



Interstate 17 Construction Update

June 5, 2008

I-17 closed southbound Saturday night, both directions
Tuesday through Thursday night for I-17 construction



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Upcoming Restrictions

Several closures and restrictions are planned this week on I-17 and Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) for construction of I-17 improvements.

On Saturday night, I-17 southbound will be closed from Happy Valley to Pinnacle Peak roads for work on the widening project.

I-17 will also be closed in both directions Tuesday through Thursday nights at Carefree Highway for interchange construction.

Beginning this month, I-17 traffic is being detoured around the construction of the future bridges at I-17 and Lone Mountain Road (site of the future Loop 303 connection to I-17). The northbound detour was in place June 3 and the southbound detour is scheduled to occur in late June.

Also in June, the southbound I-17 exit ramp at Yorkshire/Union Hills drives and the northbound I-17 entrance ramp at Utopia Road are scheduled to be closed until summer 2009 for construction of the I-17 widening project.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Once

improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction will begin this winter on widening I-17 to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and are funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley during the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions and closures for Interstate 17 projects:

Interstate 17 from Jomax Road to Carefree Highway (State Route 74)

Friday, June 6 – Saturday, June 7

9 p.m. – 7 a.m.

Monday, June 9 – Friday, June 13

10 p.m. – 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane in each direction overnight from Friday night until Saturday morning and nightly from Monday night until the morning of Friday, June 13 to re-stripe and relocate temporary concrete barriers for the widening project.

Interstate 17 from Happy Valley to Pinnacle Peak roads

Saturday, June 7 – Sunday, June 8

10 p.m. – 9 a.m.

Southbound I-17 will be closed overnight from Saturday night until Sunday morning from Pinnacle Peak to Happy Valley roads to set temporary concrete barriers for the I-17 widening project. I-17 southbound traffic will exit at Happy Valley Road and will be detoured south on 29th Avenue to enter I-17 at Pinnacle Peak Road.

Interstate 17 at Carefree Highway (State Route 74)

Tuesday, June 10 – Friday, June 13

9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

I-17 will be closed in both directions at Carefree Highway nightly from Tuesday night until the morning of Friday, June 13 for work on the Carefree Highway interchange. I-17 traffic will be detoured onto the interchange ramps at Carefree Highway during the closure.

Interstate 17 at Lone Mountain Road

Beginning this month, I-17 traffic is being detoured around the construction of the future bridges at I-17 and Lone Mountain Road (site of the future Loop 303 connection to I-17). Two traffic lanes will be maintained on the detour route. ADOT does not anticipate impacts to traffic as a result of the detour. The northbound detour opened June 3 and the southbound detour is scheduled to occur in late June.

Interstate 17 from Pinnacle Peak to Happy Valley roads

Saturday, June 14– Sunday, June 15

10 p.m. – 9 a.m.

Northbound I-17 will be closed between Pinnacle Peak and Happy Valley roads to set temporary concrete barriers for the I-17 widening project. I-17 traffic will be detoured onto the Pinnacle Peak Road off-ramp and will use the northbound frontage road to re-enter I-17 at Happy Valley Road.

Interstate 17 at Yorkshire/Union Hills drives

June 21 at 9 p.m. – June 2009

Beginning June 21, the southbound I-17 exit ramp at Union Hills Drive/Yorkshire Drive is scheduled to be closed until summer 2009 while the bridges on I-17 are widened at this location to accommodate additional lanes. During the ramp

closure, traffic can exit at Deer Valley Road and travel south on 27th Avenue to Yorkshire, then continue to Union Hills Drive as an alternate route.

Interstate 17 at Utopia Road

June 28 at 9 p.m. – June 2009

On June 28, the northbound I-17 entrance ramp at Utopia Road is scheduled to be closed until summer 2009 for the construction of new bridges on I-17 to accommodate additional lanes. Traffic can use 23rd Avenue north to Deer Valley Road to access I-17 northbound.

ONGOING RESTRICTIONS AND CLOSURES

Interstate 17 at Happy Valley Road

Wednesday, June 4 at 5 a.m. – Friday, June 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Happy Valley Road will be restricted to one lane westbound at the roundabout just east of I-17 through the end of June for work on the Happy Valley Road roundabout.

Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) frontage roads from 23rd to 27th avenues

Tuesday, May 27 – Monday, June 23

The Loop 101 frontage roads are restricted to one lane eastbound and westbound until Monday, June 23 for work related to the I-17 widening project.

Interstate 17 from Yorkshire to Union Hills drives

The southbound I-17 entrance between Yorkshire and Union Hills drives has been permanently closed as part of the widening project. Traffic on the southbound frontage road will continue south to Union Hills Drive to access the southbound I-17 on-ramp. [View map](#)

Interstate 17 south of Yorkshire Drive

Through mid-August

The southbound I-17 frontage road will be restricted to one lane just south of Yorkshire Drive for approximately three months for work related to the I-17 widening project.

Interstate 17 at Deer Valley Road

The northbound I-17 off-ramp at Deer Valley Road is permanently closed to improve traffic flow on I-17 near the system interchange with Loop 101. Northbound I-17 traffic will exit at Rose Garden lane and use the northbound frontage road to access Deer Valley Road. Ramps from Loop 101 will provide access to either northbound I-17 or Deer Valley Road as part of the completed project in 2009. [View map](#)

In addition, the southbound I-17 loop entrance ramp at Deer Valley Road is closed for construction. Drivers can use the additional southbound I-17 entrance ramp at this location. During re-construction of the interchange, drivers can use 19th, 27th or 35th avenues to access Loop 101 from Deer Valley Road. [View map](#)

Interstate 17 from Rose Garden Lane to Happy Valley Road

The I-17 frontage roads will be restricted to one lane for construction of the new frontage roads and I-17 widening project. This restriction will be in place through early August.

Carefree Highway from I-17 to North Valley Parkway

Carefree Highway, just east of I-17, will be restricted to one lane westbound through late summer for work related to the reconstruction of the Carefree Highway interchange.

Drivers should anticipate delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct improvements on I-17.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our [Web site](#) for the most current information about planned I-17 restrictions.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the [ADOT Web site](#).

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.
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- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1.

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